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## THE ROBARDS FAMILY.

(CONTINUED FROM VOL. VIII, 420.)

## THE WILL OF WILLIAM ROBARDS.

In the name of God Amen, I, William Robards of Goochland County do make this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following viz—

Imprimis. I desire that my Just Debts Legacys &c. be paid by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards to be at her own disposal a Negro Girl called Judah & my Sorrel Mare bought of Mrs. Lucy Wood.

Item. I lend to my sd. wife Elizabeth as long as she remains my widow the eleven following Negroes vizt. Bob. Hampton, Patt, Peter, Frank, Anthony, Jane, Sall, Sarah, Sam & Bristoe and at her decease to be subject to the following division, vizt. Bob, Hampton, Patt, Sall, Frank & Sam & their future Increase to be divided equally between Lewis, George, Jesse, Sally, Joe, Betty Lewis & Robert Robards to them and their Heirs forever. Peter, Anthony, Jane, Sarah & Bristol with their future Increase to be equally divided between the whole of my children & their Heirs forever (saving that the Heirs of either of them shall stand as one person & have one share only) but should either of my children by my present wife be so unfortunate as to loose the whole or any part of their Negroes which I shall hereafter give them, I then direct that such loss shall be made good in Quantity out of the children that shall hereafter be born of the wenches lent my wife as above, but should there be no such negroes born, I desire their loss to be made good out of the said lent Negroes & then an equal division to take place in manner & form as above directed.

Item. I lend to my said wife Elizabeth all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs to be by her given out to her children now living or their survivors in equal proportions as may be most convenient & as their needs may require. I also lend her one young Sorrel Mare in order to raise colts for my younger children—furthermore I lend unto my sd. wife all my Household & Kitchen furniture together with the plantation utensils except such articles as I shall hereafter dispose of by will, and at her decease I give the said articles to my son Robert. I also give my sd. wife one feather bed & furniture, to be her own choice.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis Robards two negroes vizt. Ned & Sukey to him & his heirs forever, but should the Negro Ned be so injured by a sore at present on his hand, that he would chuse another, I then give him the boy Anthony lent my wife, & the sd. Ned to stand in the place of said Anthony & be subject to the same division that Anthony now is, in the clause above, I also give to my said son

Lewis Thirty pounds specie to be paid him in equal proportions by his Brothers & Sisters, unless it can be raised out of the Estate which I choose should be done by the sale of some part of my stock. I likewise give my sd. son Lewis one feather Bed & furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son George Robards two Negroes vizt. George & Aggy, to him and his heirs forever, I also give him one feather bed and furniture and one good saddle.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Jesse Robards two negroes, vizt. Bartlett & Lucy to him & his Heirs forever, with one feather Bed & furniture, one good Horse & Saddle & bridle to be furnished by my Executors if necessary.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Sally Robards three negroes vizt. Milly, Molly & Billy, one feather Bed & furniture, one Saddle & bridle & the Colt that came of David Grantum's Mare, to her & her Heirs forever, if necessary.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son Joseph Robards two negroes, vizt. Stephen & Creasy, one feather Bed & furniture, one Horse, Bridle & Saddle, to be purchased by my executors if necessary, which I give to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betsy Lewis Robards two negroes vizt: Dilsie & Cynthia, to her & her Heirs forever One feather Bed & furniture, one Horse Saddle & Bridle, to be purchased by my Executors if necessary.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Robards two negroes vizt. Dick & Celia one feather Bed & furniture one Horse Saddle & Bridle, to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my son John Robards during his natural life one Negroe girl named Esther & at his decease I give the said Negro & her Increase to be equally divided amongst the children he shall have by his present wife, and their heirs forever—w'ch said negro I put in his possession some years ago.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Son James Robards five Shillings Sterling & no more, having heretofore given him his proportion of my Estate.

Item. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Jane Mosby one Negro woman named Tab to her & her heirs forever.

Item. I lend unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards during her Natural Life four hundred acres of Land in the County of Lincoln which sd. Land Capt. Robert Mosby bought for me of Mr. Hubard Taylor of the County of Caroline & for paym't of which I have with sd. Mosby given Bond for four negroes & I do hereby direct my Executors to comply with the said purchase & take a deed in the name of my son Robert Robards for sd. land, nevertheless my sd. wife is to have hold occupy & possess the same undisturbed & without impeachment of waste so long

as she shall live; only allowing to my son sd. Robert the privilege of settling on part of sd. land if necessity requires.

Item. I give & devise to my four sons Lewis, George, Jesse & Joseph my Locations of Land in that part of Virginia called Kentucky containing Eighteen hundred acres & when surveyed to be equally divided between them according to Quantity & Quality to them & their heirs forever. And whereas I have a right of one moiety of fourteen hundred acres of land in the aforesaid part of the Country purchased by Capt. Robt. Mosby of Henry Garret and Thomas Johnson of Louisa County for w'ch sd. Land there is now a law suit instituted in the General Court; It is my desire whether the said Land or money to the value thereof be recovered, that the same be equally divided between my aforesaid sons Lewis, George, Jesse & Joseph Robards & their heirs forever.

Item. I give & devise to my seven Sons John, William, Lewis, George, Jesse, Joseph & Robert Robards each their equal proportion of a Treasury warrant taken in my name for Six thousand acres of Land to them & their Heirs forever.

Item. I give and devise to my five sons Lewis, George, Jesse, Joseph & Robert Robards an officers right bought of Lieutenant Joseph Payne for one thousand acres of Land, to be equally divided according to Quantity & Quality, to them & their Heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards until they are free by their Indentures the Service of Chesa & Patty Cousins, two Mulattoes.

Item. The crop of Tobacco, wheat, corn &c. together with the fattening Hogs I leave for the use of my family.

Item. After all my Just debts are paid, the expence of removing my family to Kentucky, & the necessary comforts of Life procured for them, I then desire that all the money on hand collected from Bills Bonds, & Open accounts or by any other ways or means whatever, be equally divided among my Seven children by my present wife & the three following children by my first wife, vizt. John & Willam Robards & Jane Mosby.

Item. All the Estate left me by the last will & testament of Joseph Lewis Sen'r Dec'd I give & bequeath to be equally divided between my seven children by my last wife vizt: Lewis, George, Jesse, Sally, Joe, Betsy Lewis & Robert Robards & their Heirs forever.

Lastly. I do constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Robards Executrix my Sons William & George Robards with my friend Wm. Lewis Executors of this my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this sixteenth Day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & eighty three.

WILLIAM ROBARDS.

Signed, Sealed published & declared in presence of us.

GEO. PAYNE, JOHN LEWIS, JOSEPH LEWIS, JR.

At a Court held for Goochland County Dec'r 15 1783. This writing was proved by the oaths of Geo Payne John Lewis & Joseph Lewis to be the last Will & Testament of William Robards Decd. & was ordered to be Recorded.

Teste:

G. PAYNE, *Cl. Cl.*

### THE TOWLES FAMILY.

(CONTINUED FROM APRIL, 1901.)

32. DR. JOHN<sup>5</sup> TOWLES (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>), born May 8, 1779, at "Millbrook," Va.; died October 26, 1832, at "Rickahock" plantation, St. Mary's Parish, La., of yellow fever. He was a physician and sugar planter, and went to Louisiana in 1804. He married, first, at Baton Rouge, La., October 9, 1809, Susan (born May 17, 1793), daughter of John and Catherine (Rucker) Turnbull; second, Ann Alexander Conrad, of Virginia.

Issue (1st m.): 63. Catherine Sarah B., born March 11, 1812, died September 14, 1814; 64. Mary Elizabeth, born and died in 1814; 65. *John Turnbull*.

33. THOMAS<sup>5</sup> TOWLES (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>), born June 1, 1784; died December 12, 1850. He studied law in Virginia, and removed to Henderson county, Ky., in 1806, and was a magistrate of that county continuously from 1822 to 1844. On October 28, 1815, he was appointed, by President Madison, a judge of Illinois territory. He married, first, in 1809, Ann Taylor, daughter of General Samuel Hopkins; second, April 23, 1816, Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Alves, of Kentucky.

Issue (1st m.): 66. *Thomas*,<sup>6</sup> (2d m.) 67. Ann Taylor, born April 5, 1814, died August 19, 1825; 68. Emily Johnston, born August 16, 1818, died August 29, 1818; 69. Mary Smith, born April 13, 1820, died August 31, 1834; 70. *Walter Alves*,<sup>6</sup> 71. *John James*,<sup>6</sup> 72. Bettie,<sup>6</sup> born August 2, 1829, married William T. Barret, from Louisa county, Va.; 82-83-84 died infants.

34. HENRY<sup>5</sup> TOWLES (*Thomas*<sup>4</sup>), born June 25, 1786; died at Ruddles Mills, Bourbon county, Ky., in 1854. After coming to Kentucky he joined Capt. William Garrard's company of mounted men, of Major James V. Ball's squadron volunteers, October 31, 1812, and was at the siege of Fort Meigs. He amassed a large fortune; but failed in the stringent times of 1842 for \$120,000. He married, first, Sally Bedford, of Bourbon county (born July 14, 1801), and, second, —, and by this marriage had one child, George Washington Towles.<sup>6</sup>

Issue (1st m.): 63. Mary Smith, born August 20, 1817; 64. Thomas Bedford; 65. John,<sup>6</sup> born February 5, 1821, married Nancy Neal of Bourbon county, died —; had a son, John Turner<sup>7</sup> Towles, who was a Confederate soldier, was born October 14, 1842, and died in Mason